



Welcome to Good Shepherd

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Today's Worship

"Songs of Faith"

May 24, 2015

Hymn writers often have a story of their life and faith that helps us understand what led them to write the songs that we still sing, yet today. Today we learn more about the songs that we sing to express our love to God.

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction to Songs of Faith

Robert Lowry . . Portrayed by Bill Groskreutz, Jr.

Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River"..... ELW 423

*Prayer of the Day

C: God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. Mindful of your generosity, we acknowledge that all that we have is from you. Daily, we offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family and our loved ones. As you protect and guide us on our journey, we, your stewards, remain ever grateful for your constant love. Amen.

Carolina Berg . . Portrayed by Sandi Hartman

Adult Choir "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Children's Message

Psalm 92 (read responsively)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
²**to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**
³to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
⁴**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**
⁵How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!
⁶**The dullard cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this:**
⁷though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever,
⁸**but you, O Lord, are on high forever.**
⁹For your enemies, O Lord, for your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.
¹⁰**But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.**
¹¹My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.
¹²**The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**
¹³They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴**In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,**
¹⁵showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Desmond Tutu . . Portrayed by Gary Hagen

Adult Choir "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"

Fanny Crosby . . Portrayed by Coni Olson

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"..... ELW 638

*The Apostles' Creed. ELW page 105

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

John Newton Portrayed by Roger Groskreutz

Adult Choir "Amazing Grace"

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

*The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

*Sending Song

Julie Ward Howe . . Portrayed by Diane Lutteke

Hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"..... ELW 890

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Church Phone: 507-553-3513

Web site: <http://www.goodshepherdwells.org> E-mail: shepherd@bevcomm.net

Broadcast Cable Mediacom TV Channel 7 Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Jim Stern

Acolytes: Jacob Billings, Andrew Heggen

Birthdays - May 24-30 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

24-Mike Lesto	26-Rita Bathke	Dean Kontzelmann	Thora Peterson
Andrea Treptow	Gary Hagen	27-Bea Hensche	Maxine Thorson
Mary Van Horn	Dan Hart	30-Leonard Cihlar	Leah Winch
25-Marah Niebuhr			

Ladies Guest Night - You are invited to attend on Wed., June 17th, at 6:00 p.m. at Central Freeborn Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. Salad Luncheon followed by entertainment "The Stray Notes".

New Pictorial Directory - Our church will be producing a new pictorial directory with Lifetouch. July 24 & 25, 27-31, 2015. **Sign up in 3 easy ways:**

- Online at goodshepherdwells.org available now for early registration (you will receive a link to a \$10 coupon, with your reminder email, by signing up this way)
- At church on the sign up Wednesday and Weekends
- Or call the office at 507-553-3513 for assistance

Remember our directory won't be complete without you!

Kernel Days Hamburger Stand - Volunteers are needed for the Good Shepherd Hamburger Stand! The Church Council is addressing the future of the Hamburger Stand because, in recent years, only a few people have done all the work. In order to have the Hamburger Stand this year, we need full cooperation from the congregation. A sign-up sheet with all the shifts has been posted on the table near the office door. We need volunteers for all the shifts by June 8. Last year the church profited \$1,600 from the Hamburger Stand. *Please note:* the WELCA Pie Stand will be held this year and all equipment will be delivered to the site.

Vacation Bible School is June 8-12th, 9:00-11:30 a.m. The theme this year is "Everest" Conquering challenges with God's Mighty Power. ***The giving tree is up!*** Please help by picking an item off the tree to donate for VBS. Registrations are located on the table by the office.

Looking for these items to be used as decorations for VBS - Skis, ski boots, ski poles and a pick axe. If you have any of these items that may be used please call the church office at 553-3513.

"Pizza and Planting" - Good Shepherd Youth in Grades 2-6 are invited to a pizza party at Good Shepherd. Pastor Mary will also lead a game. After pizza we will take a trip to Parkview Nursing Home to help plant vegetables and flowers at Parkview Nursing Home.

When: Thursday, May 28, 2015 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Meet at Good Shepherd Church (kitchenette by the nursery) 5:00 p.m.

Important: Get picked up at the front door of Parkview at 7:00 p.m.

Who: Youth in grades 2-6

Cost: Free

Pastor Mary and Beth Heggen will be driving the kids from the church to Parkview. Please sign up by May 27th on the sign up sheet on the church office door at Good Shepherd. Questions? 553-3513.

Daily Scripture Readings

May 25 - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Joel 2:18-29
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

May 26 - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Genesis 11:1-9
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

May 27 - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 20:19-23

May 28 - Psalm 29
Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20
Romans 8:1-8

May 29 - Psalm 29
Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 8:9-11

May 30 - Psalm 29
Isaiah 5:15-24
John 15:18-20, 26-27